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ADDENDUM

ANNEX I (cont.)

As indicated in E/ECE/1277, Annex I, the continuation of Annex I and the draft programme of work of the Commission itself (programme category 00) are contained in this addendum.

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SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION

[See Annex II]

SUB-PROGRAMME 01 - DEVELOPMENT ISSUES AND POLICIES

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Economic Advisers to ECE Governments, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twenty-eighth session (ECE/EC.AD/40, paras. 42-44 and Annex)

Programme activity 01.1: Exchange of information on economic developments

Programme elements

01.1.1 Exchange of information on the development of national economies and on policies and programmes (1)

Programme activity 01.2: Long-term projections and perspectives

Programme elements

01.2.1 Growth conditions in the period 1992-1996 and their long-term implications (3)

01.2.2 Specialized long-term macroeconomic database and further development of the SEM system of macroeconomic models (4)

Programme activity 01.3: Selected structural economic issues

Programme elements

01.3.1 International trade and structural changes - interregional and intraregional trends and policies (2)

01.3.2 Structural changes in employment, labour productivity and working patterns and their impact on economic growth (6)

01.3.3 Sustainable economic development (5)

SUB-PROGRAMME 02 - FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (INCLUDING FORESTRY PRODUCTS)

02(A) - AGRICULTURE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Agricultural Problems, approved by the Committee at its forty-fourth session (ECE/AGRI/122, para.27 and Annex II)

Programme activity 02(A).1: Economic analysis of the agri-food sector

Programme elements

02(A).1.1 Review of recent developments and prospects in agriculture and agricultural policies in the European region (5)

02(A).1.2 Review of agricultural markets and trade (6)

02(A).1.3 Activities of the FAO/ECE Working Party on the Economics of the Agri-Food Sector and Farm Management (1)

02(A).1.4 Prices of agricultural products and inputs (9)

02(A).1.5 National agricultural accounts (13)

02(A).1.6 Processing of agricultural products (14)

Programme activity 02(A).2: Agriculture and the environment

Programme elements

02(A).2.1 Economic, legal, technological and regulatory measures for the promotion of environmentally sustainable agriculture and production of healthy food: survey of current measures, recommendations, guidelines, codes; effective implementation and monitoring of compliance; economic and social impact; elaboration of new measures and regulations (2)

02(A).2.2 Integrated environmentally sound agricultural practices (4)

02(A).2.3 Effects of radionuclear contaminations and measures for the elimination of their consequences for agriculture (11)

02(A).2.4 The relation between environmental factors (including pollution by industries and other human activities) and the quantity and quality of agricultural production: economic, regulatory and institutional aspects (8)

Programme activity 02(A).3: Standardization of perishable produce and quality development

Programme elements

02(A).3.1 Activities of the Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development (3)

Programme activity 02(A).4: Food and agricultural statistics

Programme element

02(A).4.1 Improvement, development and harmonization of food and agricultural statistics (7)

02(A).4.2 New agricultural statistics in transition countries (10)

02(A).4.3 Handbook for international collections of statistics (12)

SUB-PROGRAMME 02(B) - TIMBER

Authority: Programme of work of the Timber Committee, approved by the Committee at its fiftieth session (ECE/TIM/63, paras. 68-71 and Annex I)

Programme activity 02(B).1: Analysis of developments for forestry and forest products in the long-, medium- and short-term

Programme elements

02(B).1.1 Appraisal of long-term timber trends and prospects (2)
02(B).1.2 Medium-term trends in industry structure and markets in specific forest products sectors (7)
02(B).1.3 Review of short-term forest products market developments and prospects (1)
02(B).1.4 Quantification and evaluation of the environmental and other non-wood benefits of forests (6)
02(B).1.5 Trends, prospects and policies in forestry and forest products in southern Europe (22)

Programme activity 02(B).2: Collection, dissemination and improvement of forest and forest products statistics

Programme elements

02(B).2.1 Collection of forest products statistics and publication of the Timber Bulletin (3)
02(B).2.2 Improvement of the quality of forest and forest products statistics (including their collection and dissemination systems) (12)
02(B).2.3 Forest resource assessment (4)
02(B).2.4 Forest fire statistics (18)
02(B).2.5 Productivity in the forest sector (14)
02(B).2.6 Transfer of economic and statistical methods and experience in the forest and forest products sector (19)

Programme activity 02(B).3: Forest technology, management and training

Programme elements

02(B).3.1 Silvicultural operations and general management aspects (9)
02(B).3.2 Wood harvesting and transport (10)
02(B).3.3 Vocational training, applied ergonomics, occupational safety and health of forest workers (11)

Programme activity 02(B).4: Issues related to a sound and sustainable development of the forest and forest products sector

Programme elements

02(B).4.1 Use of wood for energy (16)
02(B).4.2 Implications of air pollution and other damage to forests for wood supply and markets (21)
02(B).4.3 Public relations in the forestry and forest industries sector (8)
02(B).4.4 Competitivity of sawnwood (20)
02(B).4.5 Development of new products, recycling, markets and applications for forest products (13)
02(B).4.6 Information exchange on occurrences of sudden and severe damage to forests (17)

Programme activity 02(B).5: Assistance to the economies in transition in central and eastern Europe

Programme elements

02(B).5.1 Activities to assist countries in transition to a market economy (5)

Programme activity 02(B).6: Issues accorded special priority by the Commission or the Committee

Programme elements

02(B).6.1 Problems in the forestry and forest industry sector arising from radiation contamination, particularly from the Chernobyl disaster (15)

SUB-PROGRAMME 03 - ENVIRONMENT

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental and Water Problems, approved by the Senior Advisers at their sixth session (ECE/ENVWA/29, paras. 59-65 and Annex III).

Programme activity 03.1: Policy issues

Programme elements

- 03.1.1 Environment and economics (A)
- 03.1.2 National environmental performance reviews (B)
- 03.1.3 Improvement of environmental management in countries with economies in transition (A)
- 03.1.4 Bilateral and multilateral financial cooperation of relevance to environmental protection (B)
- 03.1.5 Responsibility and liability (C)
- 03.1.6 Environmental rights and obligations (B)

Programme activity 03.2: Environmental impact assessment

Programme elements

- 03.2.1 Interim implementation of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (A)

Programme activity 03.3: Environmentally sound technology and products

Programme elements

- 03.3.1 Regional Strategy for Integrated Waste Management (B)
- 03.3.2 Low-waste technology and environmentally sound products (B)
- 03.3.3 Environmental product profiles (B)
- 03.3.4 Application of low-waste technology (C)
- 03.3.5 Management of hazardous chemicals (A)

Programme activity 03.4: Water management

Programme elements

- 03.4.1 Interim implementation of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (A)
- 03.4.2 Guidelines on sustainable water management (B)

Programme activity 03.5: Industrial accidents

Programme elements

- 03.5.1 Interim implementation of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (A)

SUB-PROGRAMME 04 - HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Human Settlements, approved by the Committee at its fifty-third session (ECE/HBP/86, paras. 38-44 and Annex I).

Programme activity 04.1: Basic issues

Programme elements

04.1.2 Human settlements situation and related current trends and policies (3)

04.1.2 Development of human settlements statistics (6)

Programme activity 04.2: Sustainable development of human settlements

Programme elements

04.2.1 Promotion of sustainable human settlements policies (including ecologically sound settlements) (2)

04.2.2 Major trends influencing human settlements development (7)

04.2.3 Human settlements problems in southern Europe (8)

Programme activity 04.3: Process of socio-economic transition

Programme elements

04.3.1 Modernization policies for built-up areas (5)

04.3.2 Management of land, housing and building (4)

04.3.3 Housing forecasting and programming (9)

04.3.4 Practical transition problems (1)

SUB-PROGRAMME 05 - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

05(A) - CHEMICALS

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on the Chemical Industry, approved by the Working Party at its second session (ECE/CHEM/86, paras. 41-43 and Annex I).

Programme activity 05(A).1: Long- and medium-term trends and prospects: chemical industry - sustainable economic and ecological development

- 05(A).1.1 Market trends and outlook for selected chemical products (11)
- 05(A).1.2 Sustainable development in the chemical industry (3)
- 05(A).1.3 Environmental clean-up of selected chemical production sites (5)

Programme activity 05(A).2: Statistics and current developments in the chemical industry, including international trade

Programme elements

- 05(A).2.1 Annual Review of the Chemical Industry (1)
- 05(A).2.2 Studies of national developments in the chemical industry (10)
- 05(A).2.3 Development of internationally comparable statistics, including those for specialized products (8)
- 05(A).2.4 Publication of the Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products (12)

Programme activity 05(A).3: Economic issues and information on the chemical industry including assistance to countries in transition

Programme element

- 05(A).3.1 ECE Directory of the Chemical Industry (2)
- 05(A).3.2 Chemical legislation in the countries of the ECE region (4)

Programme activity 05(A).4: Environmental and resource issues in the chemical industry

Programme elements

- 05(A).4.1 Management of plastic wastes in the ECE region (6)
- 05(A).4.2 Waste treatment in industrial parks (7)
- 05(A).4.3 Complex utilization of raw materials using advanced low- and non-waste process technologies (9)

Programme activity 05(A).5: Advanced chemical processes and products

Programme elements

None

05(B) - ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES AND AUTOMATION

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Engineering Industries and Automation, approved by the Working Party at its twelfth session (ECE/ENG.AUT/51, para. 44 and Annex I)

Programme activity 05(B).1: Current medium- and long-term trends and prospects in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

05(B).1.1 Medium- and long-term assessment of engineering industries in national, regional and global economies (3)

05(B).1.2 Current developments and prospects in engineering industries and automation, including appropriate aspects of international cooperation in this sector (2)

Programme activity 05(B).2: The role of engineering industries in environmental protection and resource saving

Programme elements

05(B).2.1 Foundry production and ecology (5)

05(B).2.2 Low-waste processes and automated equipment for the production of precision instruments for engineering industries (8)

05(B).2.3 Workshop to be held in conjunction with the Kuban's Sun-93 electric vehicle rally (7)

Programme activity 05(B).3: Special issues in engineering industries and automation of relevance to economies in transition

Programme elements

05(B).3.1 Adjustment of engineering industries in economies in transition (4)

Programme activity 05(B).4: Selected issues in the engineering industries and in automation

Programme elements

05(B).4.1 Rehabilitation engineering (6)

Programme activity 05(B).5: Statistics in engineering industries and automation

Programme elements

05(B).5.1 Development of internationally comparable statistics (1)

05(C) - STANDARDIZATION

Authority: Programme of work of Working Party on Standardization Policies, approved by Working Party at its second session (ECE/STAND/36, paras. 17-20 and Annex I).

Programme activity 05(C).1: Coordination

Programme elements

05(C).1.1 Identification of problems (7)

05(C).1.2 Regular guidance for programme of work for international standardization through identification of sectors which are of interest to member Governments (8)

05(C).1.3 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (9)

Programme activity 05(C).2: Harmonization

Programme elements

05(C).2.1 Review of developments, prospects and problems at the international, regional and national levels (10)

05(C).2.2 Measures to facilitate the harmonization of principles and practices of standardization and related activities (11)

05(C).2.3 Measures to facilitate the implementation of internationally harmonized standards and technical regulations (12)

05(C).2.4 Approval of definitions of terms used internationally in the fields of standardization and related activities (13)

05(C).2.5 Presentation of ECE recommended standards and harmonized technical regulations (14)

05(C).2.6 Preparation and implementation of recommendations (15)

Programme activity 05(C).3: Conformity assessment

Programme elements

05(C).3.1 Identification of problems (1)

05(C).3.2 Promotion of international certification systems and arrangements (2)

05(C).3.3 Measures to achieve mutual confidence in the technical competence and reliability of national conformity assessment systems (3)

05(C).3.4 Establishment of normative documents relating to testing activities and laboratory accreditation (4)

05(C).3.5 Aspects of metrology relevant to testing activities (5)

05(C).3.6 Identification of sectors which could lend themselves to priority preparation of multilateral or bilateral agreements for the recognition of test results and of recommendations to that effect to interested Governments and bodies (6)

05(D) - STEEL

Authority: Programme of work of the Working Party on Steel, approved by the Working Party at its second session (ECE/STEEL/80, paras. 85-89 and Annex I).

Programme activity 05(D).1: Long-term trends and prospects in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

05(D).1.1 Long-term prospects in the iron and steel industry (8)

Programme activity 05(D).2: Current developments and medium-term prospects in the iron and steel industry, including international trade

Programme elements

05(D).2.1 Short-term developments and prospects in the steel industry and the steel market (1)

05(D).2.2 Studies of national developments in the iron and steel industry (3)

Programme activity 05(D).3: Economic and technological issues in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

05(D).3.1 Economic aspects of developments in the quality of steel products (7)

05(D).3.2 Recent developments in the consumption and trade in steel in ECE member countries (6)

Programme activity 05(D).4: Environmental and resource issues in the iron and steel industry

Programme elements

05(D).4.1 Metallurgy and ecology (4)

05(D).4.2 Problems arising from the use of iron and steel scrap (4)

Programme activity 05(D).5: Iron and steel statistics

Programme elements

05(D).5.1 Development of steel statistics (2)

05(D).5.2 Publication of steel statistics (2)

05(D).5.3 Statistics on iron and steel scrap (2)

SUB-PROGRAMME 06 - INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on the Development of Trade, approved by the Committee at its forty-first session (ECE/TRADE/184, para. 24 and Annex).

06(A) - TRADE FACILITATION

Programme activity 06(A).1: International trade procedures and automatic data interchange (1)

06(B) - TRADE PROMOTION

Programme activity 06(B).1: Preparation and revision of Guides relating to international commercial transactions (2)

Programme activity 06(B).2: Organization of seminars and workshops (3)

Programme activity 06(B).3: Information relevant to business operators (6)

06(C) - TRADE ANALYSIS

Programme activity 06(C).1: Discussion themes for Committee's annual sessions (4)

Programme activity 06(C).2: Analysis of recent and prospective trade trends, policies and problems (5)

SUB-PROGRAMME 07 - ENERGY ISSUES

Authority: Programme of work of the Committee on Energy, approved by the Committee at its second session (ECE/ENERGY/21, paras. 42-46 and Annex I)

Programme activity 07.1: Energy reforms in central and eastern Europe

Programme elements

07.1.1 Market adaptation of energy-intensive industries in central and eastern Europe (1)

07.1.2 Transition of coal industry from central planning to market economy

07.1.3 The implication of economic reforms in central and eastern Europe on electric power demand, supply and cooperation

07.1.4 Economic reforms and restructuring in eastern and central Europe - their implications and significance for gas market and the gas industry in the ECE region

Programme activity 07.2 Rational use of energy, efficiency and conservation

Programme elements

07.2.1 Energy Efficiency 2000 (2)

07.2.2 Energy efficiency standards (5)

07.2.3 Energy conservation developments, policies and prospects in the region (7)

07.2.4 Rational use of coal, efficiency and conservation

07.2.5 Energy efficiency in electric power

07.2.6 Rational use of gas, including conservation and efficiency measures

Programme activity 07.3: Interface between energy and the environment

Programme elements

07.3.1 Interface between energy and environment: sustainable development (4)

07.3.2 Techniques for the evaluation of alternative instruments in the light of environmentally sustainable development (9)

07.3.3 Sustainable coal development

07.3.4 Environmental protection related to coal mining and coal utilization

07.3.5 Environmental aspects in electric power

07.3.6 Sustainable development in electric power

07.3.7 Gas industry and the environment, including climate change and sustainable development

Programme activity 07.4: Energy policies and prospects and related statistics and projections

Programme elements

07.4.1 National energy programmes, policies and prospects, and related balances, projections and data banks (3)

07.4.2 Annual Bulletin of Energy Statistics for Europe (11)

07.4.3 Overview of energy activities in ECE (12)

Programme activity 07.5: Energy demand and supply issues for sustainable development

Programme elements

07.5.1 Significant new developments affecting energy demand and supply in the short and medium run (6)
07.5.2 New and renewable sources of energy (NRSE) (8)
07.5.3 Developments in the coal industry
07.5.4 Electric power developments
07.5.5 Developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extension of gas networks

Programme activity 07.6: Energy trade, trade facilitation and infrastructure

Programme elements

07.6.1 Energy trade in the ECE region in the worldwide context (10)
07.6.2 Market trends and trade facilitation in the coal industry
07.6.3 Interconnection of networks in Europe

SUB-PROGRAMME 08 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Authority: Programme of work of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Science and Technology, approved by the Senior Advisers at their twentieth session (ECE/SC.TECH/44, paras. 22-23 and Annex).

Programme activity 08.1: Current developments in science and technology policies

Programme elements

08.1.1 Review of changes in national policies, priorities and institutions, and international cooperation (1)

08.2.2 State policy in economies in transition aimed at promoting innovation (3)

Programme activity 08.2: Selected issues in science and technology

Programme elements

08.2.1 Inventory of existing safety guidelines in biotechnology (2)

SUB-PROGRAMME 09 - TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM

Authority: Programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee, approved by the Committee at its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/97, paras.152-157 and Add.1)

Programme activity 09.1: Transport trends and economies

Programme elements

09.1.1 Review of general trends with regard to transport development and transport policy (1)

09.1.2 Analysis of specific transport economic issues (2)

09.1.3 Development of transport in the Mediterranean Region (3)

Programme activity 09.2: Road transport

Programme elements

09.2.1 Road transport infrastructure (1)

09.2.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international road transport and facilitation of its operations (1)

09.2.3 Road transport safety (1)

09.2.4 Construction of vehicles (1)

Programme activity 09.3: Rail transport

Programme elements

09.3.1 Rail transport infrastructure (1)

09.3.2 Linking of the European transport network to that of other regions' railways (3)

09.3.3 Harmonization of requirements concerning international railway transport and facilitation of its operations (1)

Programme activity 09.4: Inland water transport

Programme elements

09.4.1 Inland waterway infrastructure (2)

09.4.2 Harmonization of requirements concerning international inland waterway transport and facilitation of its operations, including study of legal provisions (2)

09.4.3 Harmonization and improvement of standards for inland navigation vessels (3)

09.4.4 Inland water transport safety (1)

Programme activity 09.5: Transport of dangerous goods

Programme elements

09.5.1 Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail, inland waterways and combined transport (1)

Programme activity 09.6: Environmental protection and energy saving in transport

Programme elements

09.6.1 Impact of transport infrastructure and operations on the environment including pollution and noise (1)

09.6.2 Promotion of economy and efficiency in transport (2)

Programme activity 09.7: Combined transport

Programme elements

09.7.1 Promotion of combined and multimodal transport (1)

09.7.2 Safety requirements for the construction, maintenance and handling of combined transport equipment (2)

Programme activity 09.8: Customs questions affecting transport

Programme elements

09.8.1 Harmonization of requirements concerning several modes of transport and facilitation of their operation (2)

Programme activity 09.9: Transport of perishable foodstuffs

Programme elements

09.9.1 Harmonization of regulations and standards relating to the international transport of perishable foodstuffs and facilitation of its operation (2)

Programme activity 09.10: Transport statistics and information

Programme elements

09.10.1 Methods of collection and definition of statistics on inland transport and road traffic accidents (2)

09.10.2 Harmonization of transport statistics in Europe (3)

09.10.3 Publication of statistical information in the field of transport (3)

Programme activity 09.11: Facilitation of movement and transport of disabled persons

Programme elements

09.11.1 Road, rail and inland waterway transport aspects (3)

Programme activity 09.12: General issues

Programme elements

09.12.1 Periodical circulation of selected transport information (3)

SUB-PROGRAMME 10 - STATISTICS

Authority: Programme of work of the Conference of European Statisticians, approved by the Conference at its fortieth session (ECE/CES/40, paras. 50-52 and Annex I).

Programme activity 10.1: Organization and operation of statistical services

Programme elements

10.1.1 Issues of statistical policy
10.1.2 Adaptation of statistical services to transition and integration processes in Europe
10.1.3 Promotion of the coordination of international statistical work

Programme activity 10.2: Statistical information technology

Programme elements

10.2.1 Use of Electronic Data Processing for statistical purposes
10.2.2 Statistical Computing Programme (SCP)
10.2.3 Design and development of statistical databases
10.2.4 Statistical output for dissemination to information media

Programme activity 10.3: Economic statistics

Programme elements

10.3.1 Development of national accounts
10.3.2 Foreign trade statistics
10.3.3 Indicators of short-term economic and technical change
10.3.4 Manufacturing statistics
10.3.5 Agricultural statistics
10.3.6 Forest and forest industry statistics
10.3.7 Statistics of services
10.3.8 Transport statistics
10.3.9 Statistics of household income
10.3.10 Price and quantity statistics
10.3.11 International comparisons
10.3.12 Business registers in national statistical offices
10.3.13 Methodological issues in the collection, processing, dissemination and analysis of economic statistics

Programme activity 10.4: Social and demographic statistics

Programme elements

10.4.1 Coordination of social and demographic statistics
10.4.2 Methodological issues in the collection, processing, dissemination and analysis of social and demographic statistics
10.4.3 Registers and administrative record for social and demographic statistics
10.4.4 Labour force statistics
10.4.5 Migration statistics
10.4.6 Population and housing censuses
10.4.7 Statistics on women
10.4.8 Human settlements statistics
10.4.9 Demographic projections
10.4.10 Fertility surveys

Programme activity 10.5: Natural resource and environment statistics

Programme elements

10.5.1 Energy statistics

10.5.2 Development of concepts, definitions and classifications in individual areas of environment statistics

10.5.3 Development of an international environmental data service

10.5.4 Methodological problems of environment statistics

10.5.5 Frameworks for environment statistics

Programme activity 10.6: Support for ECE publications, studies and projects

Programme elements

10.6.1 Publication of statistical bulletins

10.6.2 Support for the statistical work of other ECE Principal Subsidiary Bodies

10.6.3 Provision of statistical information for ECE studies and projects

10.6.4 Substantive support for statistical activities financially supported by UNDP

ANNEX II

SUB-PROGRAMME 00 - POLICY AND COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE

Authority: Terms of reference of the Commission; relevant resolutions and other decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the Commission.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.1: ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE AND PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

00.1.1 Review and guidance of the activities of the Commission as a whole: evaluation, coordination and formulation of the programme of work

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will consider its work as a whole; review and evaluate its own activity as well as that of its subsidiary bodies; guide the policy orientation, coordination and planning of the work carried out by the subsidiary bodies under its auspices; and formulate and approve its programme of work.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission performs this function with the assistance, as appropriate, of its Sessional Committee. By this mechanism, the Commission, at its annual sessions, considers the reports of its subsidiary bodies on their work and the Executive Secretary's reports on the implementation of its relevant resolutions and decisions. The Commission considers and approves annually its programme of work for the following year and endorses in principle, subject to review at the following session, its long-term programme of work covering the next five years. The policy guidance given by the Commission, including measures for coordination, is embodied in its decisions to be implemented, as appropriate, by member Governments, by the Commission's subsidiary bodies and by its secretariat.

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.2 The work of the Commission as a whole and its future activities

Description: In its decision O (45) the Commission decided on the following priority areas of activity: environment, transport, statistics, trade facilitation, and economic analysis. The Commission also decided on practical measures in these priority areas and on the broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities in order to promote the process of economic reform and integrate the economies in transition into the global economy. The Commission also agreed on a series of measures on the methods of work, the structure and the resources of the Commission. In its decisions A (46) and A (47), the Commission requested its subsidiary bodies to carry out without delay the provisions of decisions O (45) and P (45) when reviewing and carrying out their programmes of work, and requested also the Executive Secretary to implement the provisions of that decision where the secretariat is concerned.

The Commission requested its subsidiary bodies to take into account in their work the pertinent provisions of the relevant CSCE documents which call for multilateral implementation within the framework of the ECE.

It recalled that in accordance with decision O (45) account should be taken of the impact that ECE activities in sectors not identified as priorities, such as energy, have on priority sectors.

Work accomplished: With regard to Commission decision O (45), the priorities as designated were incorporated in the revised Medium-term Plan for 1992-1997 and in the draft budget proposal for the biennium 1994-1995.

With respect to decision A (46), its provisions have been implemented primarily through the redeployment of human and financial resources from programme areas not designated as priorities to the five designated priority areas.

With respect to cooperation with the CSCE, the secretariat has participated in all relevant meetings of the CSCE, including the Helsinki follow-up meeting in March 1992, the Summit meeting in July 1992, and Economic Forum established under the terms of the Helsinki document 1992, in March 1993. It has further participated in an active exchange of documentation on relevant activities of the two bodies in order to avoid duplication of functions (see document E/ECE/1273).

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: One year (1992/1993)

00.1.3 The work of the Commission concerning economies in transition in central and eastern Europe

Description: Taking into account the fact that the recent and current developments in central and eastern Europe modify the characteristics and functioning of the societies and economies of countries of the region, the Commission, in its decisions D (45), B (46) and D (47), considered that in view of its composition and the nature of the cooperation which it implements it had a role to play in assisting the transition to market economies.

In its decision O (45) the Commission noted that work in its five priority sectors contributed significantly to promoting reform and integration or reintegration of the economies in transition with the economies of the ECE region and therefore with the global economy. It decided, in order to promote the process of economic reform, on broad outlines of work in sectors not identified as priorities, and determined that the primary work methods employed to address transition issues should be workshops and other similar informal fora.

Work accomplished: The Commission has continued to organize activities to assist the countries of the region which are in transition to a market economy. In particular the ECE programme of workshops has developed further and over 70 workshops have been held, with approximately the same number on

the provisional programme of future workshops. To assist those countries to finance participation in the workshops a trust fund has been set up to receive contributions from member Governments, donor organizations and institutions and the private sector (See document E/ECE/1272). The Principal Subsidiary Bodies reviewed their programmes and methods of work to permit a rapid and effective response to the needs of the economies in transition. These activities were carried out in close collaboration with the international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in particular those identified in decisions D (45), O (45) and B (46). In accordance with decision D (47), the Executive Secretary presented at the Ad Hoc Informal meeting in March 1993 a preliminary report on the workshop programme (see document E/ECE/1272).

Work to be undertaken: The workshop programme will continue according to the parameters stated above. Analytical work on the transition process, including internal and external conditions, will continue to be accorded high priority, in accordance with decision B (46).

Member Governments, the European Community and competent international institutions will continue to be invited to participate actively in transition-related activities, and encouraged to provide continued assistance, on a bilateral or multilateral basis, for promoting such activities.

The Principal Subsidiary Bodies will continue to contribute within their competence to the preparation of practical workshops especially on the transition to market economy.

The Executive Secretary will continue to facilitate consultations with interested countries and international institutions in order to provide expertise on programmes of transition to a market economy. (See also sub-programme 01.)

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.4 Institutional arrangements for ECE

Description: In its decision P (45), the Commission requested its Chairman to convene an ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission, at least once every three months, with, inter alia, the following tasks: (a) to consult on policy matters concerning the activities of the Commission; (b) to assist preparations for the annual sessions of the Commission; (c) to monitor progress in the work programmes of the Commission; (d) to offer any necessary guidance to the Executive Secretary on the work of the Commission.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: Seven ad hoc Informal Meetings have been held since the adoption of decision P (45). Further ad hoc informal meetings will be convened by the Chairman of the Commission in accordance with decision P (45).

Duration: Continuing.

00.1.5 Economic cooperation in the Mediterranean in the light of the Final Act of the CSCE

Description: The Commission and its Principal Subsidiary Bodies pay particular attention to projects and activities of interest to the Mediterranean countries of the ECE region, bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Final Act and other Concluding Documents of the CSCE.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission's subsidiary bodies continue to identify areas of interest, particularly in the field of transport and environment, for economic cooperation in the Mediterranean within the framework of over-all ECE activities and the Commission's programme of work. The Executive Secretary cooperates with the secretariats of ESCWA and ECA and other relevant United Nations bodies and pursues contacts with all Mediterranean countries not members of the Commission, on subjects within the competence of the ECE of common interest to the Mediterranean countries. (See document E/ECE/1273.)

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Continuing

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IN THE ECE REGION

00.2.1 Review of economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review economic developments, problems and prospects in the ECE region.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: In response to Commission decisions O (45) and B (46), particular emphasis is given to the analysis of the transition economies and related policy issues. This is reflected in the annual Economic Survey of Europe and the Economic Bulletin for Europe, both of which contain an increased coverage of economic and policy developments in the transition economies. Both the Survey and the Bulletin, as well as other special studies and statistical bulletins prepared and published by the secretariat, are made available to the Commission for this annual review. In its decision B (46), the Commission invited the Senior Economic Advisers and the secretariat, in accordance with the relevant provisions of decision O (45) and having in mind the right and responsibility of the secretariat to exercise independent judgement in its analysis, to deepen their consultations in order to achieve the highest quality of the Survey, notably by improving pre-publication exchange of views; and stressed the need for this Survey to be published in time to enable it to be properly studied and reflected upon during the annual session (paragraph 8).

Duration: Continuing

00.2.2 Population

Description: In accordance with the provisions of decision G (40), the Executive Secretary carries out work in the field of population, within existing resources, and maintains collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of regional meetings of experts on population convened periodically, but not more than every two years, in cooperation with UNFPA. These meetings aim to provide consultations amongst Governments and the dissemination and exchange of information on population problems and policies in the ECE region.

Work accomplished: Collaboration with UNFPA is maintained through projects dealing, respectively, with economic and social implications of aging, population and development in southern Europe, integration of population and socio-economic policies, migration, and promotion of fertility and family surveys in the ECE region. Funding for these projects is provided by UNFPA. ECE, in cooperation with the Council of Europe and UNFPA, organized a European Population Conference in Geneva from 23 to 26 March 1993 as a regional contribution to the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994 as mandated by the General Assembly.

Work to be undertaken: Follow-up to the regional conference and input into the World Conference in 1994, in cooperation and collaboration with the other relevant organizations, as well as the continuation of ongoing activities as described.

Duration: Continuing.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.3: RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

00.3.1 Review and follow-up of resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly bearing on the work of the Commission

Description: At its annual sessions, the Commission will review the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly which have a bearing on its work and will decide on the action to be taken by it in the light of the provisions of those resolutions and decisions.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review on the basis of the Executive Secretary's note (see document E/ECE/1279) in which he brings to the Commission's attention the resolutions and decisions bearing on the work of the Commission which were adopted by the Economic and Social Council and by the General Assembly during the period since the previous session of the Commission, and the relevant work underway.

Duration: Continuing.

00.3.2 The Commission's contribution to the follow-up of the 1985 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women

Description: In accordance with decision J (40) the Executive Secretary will continue to assess developments with respect to the economic role of women in the ECE region in conjunction with other research activities of the secretariat, taking into account the roles and responsibilities of the regional commissions in developing and implementing the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. In accordance with decision H (44) the secretariat was called upon to concentrate on an inventory of the scope and content of time-use questionnaires and of time-use studies, and to make this data available to member countries. By its resolution 1990/12 the Economic and Social Council called for a World Conference on Women in 1995.

Work accomplished: The secretariat has undertaken a time use study of women in the ECE region, with the financial support of INSTRAW. The Conference of European Statisticians convened two meetings in cooperation with INSTRAW to discuss various methodological problems and issues including usage of the time-use surveys, methods of measuring women's contribution to household income, and estimates of women's under-employment. The Conference convened other meetings on improved measurements of women's labour-force participation and statistical indicators required by the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies in countries of the ECE region and will convene the next one in 1995. It is expected that such statistical input on women's issues will continue and will provide substantive input for the 1995 World Conference on Women.

Work to be undertaken: The regional commissions, including ECE, have agreed to undertake parallel activities in the field of women in cooperation with INSTRAW. The ECE is presently cooperating with INSTRAW on a training and exchange programme involving women farmers in selected central and east European countries. Also in cooperation with INSTRAW, a joint meeting was held in April 1992 on Statistics on Women. ECE has a joint Working Party with FAO which has launched a project on "Analysis of the socio-economic status of rural women and families in selected European countries" in cooperation with the FAO Working Party on Women and the Agricultural Family. ECE is currently investigating the possibilities of cooperating with UNIDO on a joint typology examination of women's involvement in economic and industrial development for the European region, with the aim of identifying strategies and mechanisms to provide women with access to, and participation in, the industrial services sector and to increase women's integration into upper echelons of economic and industrial management. The work is envisaged as being a regional contribution to the 1995 World Conference on Women. Consideration is being given to the holding of a regional preparatory meeting for the World Conference in 1995.

Duration: Continuing.

00.3.3 The Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development

Description: The Commission welcomed General Assembly resolution 44/227 on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 on the Environmental

Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and 42/187 on the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED), as well as General Assembly resolution 44/288 on the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. In its decision H (45) the Commission reiterated its call upon its subsidiary bodies actively to promote sustainable development as a guiding principle for all relevant activities of the ECE, and agreed to intensify its efforts towards promoting and achieving sustainable development by integrating environmental concerns and considerations into projects and programmes in all areas.

Work accomplished: The results of the regional conference at ministerial level (Bergen, 8-16 May 1990) to review progress in the follow-up of selected aspects of the Report of the WCED were communicated to the appropriate Principal Subsidiary Bodies. A Joint Working Group on Environment and Economics was established The Senior Advisers on Environmental and Water Problems have prepared a contribution to the Lucerne Ministerial Conference on Environment for Europe containing elements for a long-term environmental programme for Europe and ensuing proposals for the Ministerial Declaration (see document E/ECE/1275).

Work to be undertaken: The Joint Working Group will continue to meet and consider issues related to sustainable economic development namely: environment and economics; assessment of the situation in economies in transition; economic restructuring and the environment; financing environmental policy and use of economic instruments for environmental policies. The Senior Economic Advisers, in coordination with the OECD and the UNCED secretariat, will analyse further the interrelationship between economic activity and the environment, identify major factors affecting sustainable economic development in the ECE and study guidelines to achieve such sustainable economic development in the region, taking into account the particular situation of the countries in transition.

The Executive Secretary will continue to bring to the attention of the Executive Secretaries of the other regional commissions the ECE activities aimed at contributing to sustainable development and strengthening of international cooperation in this field, and in particular the results and follow-up of the Bergen Conference.

[To be completed as may be necessary]

Duration: Five years (1988-1995).

00.3.4 Climate change

Description: The General Assembly recognized climate change as a common concern of mankind, and called on all relevant organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to support the work of the joint WMO/UNEP - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: In accordance with decision E (46), the substantive issues related to climate change continue to be studied particularly by the Committee on Energy. The work of IPCC, OECD and IAEA is

taken into account. ECE staff members attend related meetings and contribute to them.

Under the auspices of the Committee on Energy, the Working Group on Gas undertakes studies on the "Interrelationship between gas and climate change" (07.3.7.3) and "Methane emissions" (07.3.7.5). The Working Party on Electric Power deals with "Implications of climate change for electricity supply" (07.3.5.6). The Committee on Energy itself continues to study the "Interface between energy and environment: sustainable development" (07.3.1), including the interface between energy use and climate change.

Duration: Continuing

00.3.5 [Project completed]

00.3.6 International cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant

Description: In its decision C (46), the Commission recalled Assembly resolution 45/190 and Council resolution 1990/50, and expressed profound concern about ongoing effects on people's lives and health of the disaster at Chernobyl, which had serious national and international consequences. It noted the work being done by the Committees on Timber, Agriculture, and Human Settlements, the Conference of European Statisticians, and the Working Parties on the Chemical Industry and on Engineering Industries and Automation, in exploring the possibilities to elaborate within their competence projects on problems arising from the Chernobyl accident.

Work accomplished: A number of ECE subsidiary bodies have continued to review proposals for activities to address and mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster.

Work to be undertaken: The Commission requested these subsidiary bodies to continue their efforts in this direction, and invited other subsidiary bodies to examine the possibility of making a contribution to this end. The Executive Secretary was requested to support the efforts of the subsidiary bodies in implementation of Assembly resolution 45/190.

Duration: Continuing

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY 00.4: COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

00.4.1 Review of the Commission's cooperation with other United Nations bodies

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities in support of and its contribution to other United Nations programmes, especially those of UNCTAD, UNDP, UNEP, UNFPA and INSTRAW, as well as of the other regional commissions. It will also consider matters relating to its cooperation with other United Nations bodies including the specialized

agencies such as FAO, ILO, UNESCO, UNIDO and WHO, as well as IAEA. Special attention will be paid to problems of the member countries of the ECE which are developing from the economic point of view as part of the Commission's contribution to the global programmes and objectives of the United Nations aiming at economic development.

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission carries out this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the participation of such organizations and programmes in the Commission's work; on the Commission's own contribution to the programmes of these organizations; and on the secretariat's cooperation with the secretariats of these organizations, including the secretariats of the other regional commissions.

Duration: Continuing.

00.4.2 Review of the Commission's cooperation and coordination of activities with other international organizations and institutions

Description: At its annual sessions the Commission will review its activities related to cooperation and coordination of its activities with other international economic organizations and institutions, and with international non-governmental organizations participating in the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, with particular regard to those organizations and institutions mentioned in decision O (45).

Work accomplished and to be undertaken: The Commission undertakes this review annually on the basis of the Executive Secretary's report on the relevant activities arising out of the participation of such organizations and their secretariats in, and the contribution they make to, the work of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (see document E/ECE/1278).

Duration: Continuing.

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